Dear Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee: My name is Joseph Sopata, from Fairfield, CT. I am writing in support of Raised Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths. I strongly support this bill for statutory recognition. I support allowing Homeopaths who have achieved the highest level of homeopathic education and training through national certification to be recognized to practice homeopathy in Connecticut.

I have used homeopathy as an alternative health care for my self and my family for 20 years and it has been very difficult taking extra time and money to have to travel out side of CT. My wife, children and I have all benefitted from homeopathic care, but we need it in our state. Homeopathy is a safe, affordable and gentle modality of health care. There is an increasing demand for more natural healthcare. Access to homeopaths is limited in CT. There is an antiquated law from 1893 that says only medically trained people can practice homeopathy in CT, of which there are a very few. With so few homeopaths in CT, people either never hear about this option or must travel to another state to find a homeopath. The time and extra cost to travel outside of CT to see a homeopath is has been difficult for my family. We need the services of homeopaths in CT.

The proposed legislation keeps the bar high by allowing nationally board certified classical homeopaths (CCHs) to be able to offer their services in CT. The CCH is the highest level of achievement for a professional homeopathy and the credential is recognized worldwide. I would feel very good to be able to go to a trained, board certified homeopath in my home state.

Please support Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths.

Regards,

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